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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Rudolf Eckardt and Hans-Joachim Jansch

Serial No.: not yet known

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For PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CARBAMAZEPINE

Attorney's Docket 0691-018A/GPK

BOX AMENDMENT - NO FEE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to taking up this case for action, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE DISCLOSURE

Page 1, before the first line insert --This is a continuation of applica-
tion Ser. No. 08/275,025, filed on July 6, 1994.--;

line 11, change "928,508", to --298,508--;

line 12, change "1,245,606", to --1,246,606--.

Page 2, lines 15, 17, and Page 3, line 3, change "cyanhydroxide" to --hydrogen cyanide--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Replace claim 1 with the following new claim:

--8. A process for producing carbamazepine which comprises reacting
iminostilbene with an alkali cyanate in an acidic medium consisting of acetic acid,